

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation
Legislative Hearing on **H.R. 3492 (Lummis)**, To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone
National park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes
November 21, 2013

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
3. Business Address:
4. Business Email Address:
5. Business Phone Number:

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Aaron Pruzan

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

BA from Fort Lewis College from Durango, Colorado

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

American Canoe Association Certified Level 4 Whitewater Kayak instructor (expired)

American Canoe Association Certified Level 3 Stand Up Paddle Board Instructor (current)

Wyoming Game & Fish Certified Aquatic Invasive Species Inspector

Former Board Member of American Whitewater 2002-2010

Founding Board Member board member of the Snake River Fund, currently an Emeritus Board Member

Founded the Jackson Hole Kayak Club to promote youth kayaking 1996

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- Owner & Founder – Rendezvous River Sports/Jackson Hole Kayak School – Jackson, WY since 1995
- Kayak instructor & guide on the Snake & Hoback Rivers and in Yellowstone Park for 20 years
- Paddle Sports equipment retailer for 20 years
- Founding Board member of the Snake River Fund – the river stewardship organization in Jackson Hole, WY
- One of the Leaders of the Campaign for the Snake River Headwaters which protected 400 miles of rivers in Teton County, WY through the Craig Thomas Snake River Legacy Act of 2009 – a six year campaign
- Spearheaded the campaign for the special excise tax which enabled and funded the land transfer of key Bureau of Land Management riparian land parcels in Teton County to local control for river access and preservation
- Internationally known kayaker with exploratory river descents in North and South America, Siberia and New Zealand as well as numerous podium finishes at kayak races throughout the Western U.S.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

1. Permittee of the Bridger-Teton National Forest for instructional, kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddle boarding & Rafting on the Snake and Hoback Rivers and Slide Lake
2. Commercial Use Authorization for non-motorized boating and backcountry camping from Yellowstone National Park

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition,

and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Please see following Attachments

1. Letter from the American Pack Rafting Association
2. Letter from the Snake River Fund in regards to the Snake River Comprehensive Management Plan

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

NA

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

NA

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

NA

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

NA

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

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